

REMARKS

The Official Action dated June 16, 2006 has been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes presented herewith, taken with the following remarks, are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all remaining claims is respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 11 and 13 have been amended and claims 3 and 7 have been cancelled. Support for the amended claims may be found in original claims 1-13. Since these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2, and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph by asserting that claims 2 and 4-10 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner asserted that in claim 2 the term "the terminal" is ambiguous. The present claim amendments are believed to clarify claim 2 and that it particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter of the invention. Accordingly, this rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (US 2004/0181559). The Examiner asserted that Lee et al. teach a location information sharing method. However, as is set forth in detail below, it is submitted that Lee et al. is disqualified as a reference under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

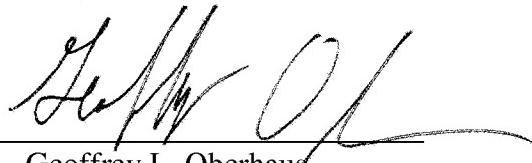
Under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) (1) Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

The present application (10/542,251) and Lee et al. (U.S. 2004/0181559) (U.S. Serial No. 10/485,493) were, at the time the present invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, GC21 Co., Ltd.. As such, Lee et al. is disqualified as prior art. Whereby, the rejection has been overcome and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§103 and 112, and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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